

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL MINUTES

**The Honorable YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS**

<b>Clerk:</b> Ivy Garcia and Edwin Cuenco	<b>Court Reporter:</b> Pamela Batalo-Hebel
<b>Date:</b> May 30, 2023	<b>Time:</b> 8:00-8:33; 8:42-10:18; 10:24-11:39; 11:50-1:53
<b>Case Number:</b> 22-cr-00066-YGR-1	<b>Case Name:</b> USA v. John Russell Bellhouse
<b>Plaintiff Attorney(s):</b> Molly Friedeman and Andrew Paulson	<b>Defense Attorney(s):</b> Shaffy Moeel and Kathryn Elizabeth Ross
<b>Trial Began:</b> May 26, 2023	<b>Further Trial:</b> May 31, 2023

<b>Trial Motions Heard:</b>	<b>Disposition</b>
1. Defendant's Supplement to his Motion in Limine No. 2 [Docket No. 125]	Granted in part/Denied in part
2. Defendant's Motion in Limine No. 4 [Docket No. 130]	Written order to issue

**Other:**

Court read the preliminary jury instructions to the jury. Plaintiff's opening statement. Defendant's opening statement. Plaintiff's witnesses called: Liana and Ana. Further trial set on 5/31/2023. Parties and attorneys to come in at 8:00 a.m. Trial proceedings with the jury shall proceed on 5/31/2023 at 8:30 a.m.

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Case No: [4:22-cr-00066-YGR-1](#)Case Name: USAv. John Russell Bellhouse

**TRIAL SHEET, EXHIBIT and WITNESS LIST**

<b>JUDGE:</b>	<b>PLAINTIFF ATTORNEY:</b>	<b>DEFENSE ATTORNEY:</b>
Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers	Molly Friedeman Andrew Paulson	Shaffy Moeel Kathryn Ross
<b>TRIAL DATE:</b>	<b>REPORTER(S):</b>	<b>CLERK:</b>
5/30/2023	Pamela Batalo-Hebel	Ivy Lerma Garcia Edwin Cuenco

PLF NO.	DEF NO.	DATE/TIME OFFERED	ID	REC	DESCRIPTION	BY
					<b>5/30/2023</b>	
		8:00 a.m.			<b>All parties and counsel are present. Matters discussed outside the presence of the jury. Court's discussion with Counsel with regards to the Supplemental Memorandum on Defendant's Motion in Limine No. 2 [Docket No. 125] – motion granted in part/denied in part.</b>	
		8:11 a.m.			Side bar conference. With the assistance of the Spanish Interpreter Conchita Lozano, 2 Witnesses were sworn in: Liana and Ana.	
		8:12 a.m.			Court informed Counsel that Defendant's Motion in Limine e-filed on 5/29/23 [Docket No. 130] has been locked in ECF.	
		8:33 a.m.			Court is in recess.	
		8:42 a.m.			Jury is present.	
		8:43 a.m.			The Court addresses the jury. Court gave the jury instructions regarding their duties. Court reads the preliminary jury instructions.	
		8:47 a.m.			Sidebar conference with counsel.	
		8:49 a.m.			Sidebar conference ended.	
		8:50 a.m.			Court continued reading the preliminary jury instructions.	
		9:07 a.m.			Preliminary jury instruction ends.	
		9:08 a.m.			Court is having technical issues re: Plaintiff's HDMI connections. Jury is excused. Court in recess to resolve the issues re: Plaintiff's technical issues.	
		9:21 a.m.			Court is reconvened. Jury is present. Plaintiff's opening statement given by Assistant U.S. Attorney Molly Friedeman.	
		9:40 a.m.			Defendant's opening statement given by Kathryn Ross.	

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		9:57 a.m.			Jury is excused.	
		9:58 a.m.			Side bar conference. With the assistance of the Spanish Interpreter Conchita Lozano, Witness Angela was sworn in. Witness Anabel was sworn in.	
		10:18 a.m.			Court is in recess.	
		10:24 a.m.			Court is reconvened.	
		10:20 a.m.			Jury is present. Jury trial resumed.	
		10:21 a.m.			Witness <b>Liana</b> called to the stand and sworn in, direct examination by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Paulson.	<b>Pltf.</b>
134		10:23 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo - Liana	
127		10:24 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – Bellhouse	
75		10:25 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	FCI Dublin Diagram	
79-5		10:37 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photos – Safety Office (Prison)	
		11:07 a.m.			Direct examination of Witness Liana ends. Cross-examination of Witness <b>Liana</b> by Shaffy Moeel.	
	696	11:15 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo from defense FCI site visit	
	688	11:23 a.m.	<b>X</b>		2021-01-19 OIG MOI interview Ovsepien B-043913	
	689	11:24 a.m.	<b>X</b>		2021-05-27 OIG MOI interview Liana Ovsepien B-004965	
	691	11:25 a.m.	<b>X</b>		2022-11-10 OIG MOI tc Ovsepien 11-10-2022 re Moeel, Albanes contact with Notes and Photo	
	692	11:26 a.m.	<b>X</b>		2023-04-04 OIG MOI interview Ovsepien with Agent Notes	
		11:29 a.m.			Re-direct examination of Witness <b>Liana</b> by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Paulson.	
		11:31 a.m.			Jury is excused. Witness excused.	
		11:32 a.m.			Court's discussion with Counsel outside the presence of the jury re: testimony of Witness Liana.	
		11:39 a.m.			Court is in recess.	
		11:50 a.m.			Jury present. Jury trial resumed.	
		11:51 a.m.			Continued direct examination of Witness <b>Liana</b> by Assistant U.S. Attorney Andrew Paulson.	
		11:53 a.m.			No re-cross examination of Witness Liana by Shaffy Moeel. Witness stepped down subject to recall.	

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		11:54 a.m.			Witness <b>Ana</b> called on the stand, sworn in (with the assistance of the Spanish Interpreter Conchita Lozano), direct examination by Assistant U.S. Attorney Molly Priedeman.	<b>Pltf.</b>
128		11:58 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – Ana	
1		12:11 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Inmate Note to Bellhouse (“I love you”)	
2		12:13 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Inmate Note to Bellhouse (Hello baby...)”)	
3		12:16 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Inmate Note to Bellhouse (I just want to let you know...)”)	
4		12:17 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Inmate Note to Bellhouse (baby, hope you are having a good day...)”)	
5		12:19 a.m.	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo of Ana 1	
6		12:20	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo of Ana 2	
80-2		12:27	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – Safety Warehouse	
80-7		12:28	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – Safety Warehouse	
80-9		12:29	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – Safety Warehouse	
80-10		12:31	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – Safety Warehouse	
187		12:33	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo of Earrings	
89-2		12:43	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Safety Office – Prison)	
89-7		12:44	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Safety Office – Prison)	
89-6		12:45	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Safety Office – Prison)	
79-10		12:46	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Safety Office – Prison)	
89-67		12:49	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Safety Office – Prison)	
79-11		12:51	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Safety Office – Prison)	
79-12		12:52	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Safety Office – Prison)	
90-3		12:53	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Bellhouse Office – Prison)	
90-6		12:54	<b>X</b>	<b>X</b>	Photo – FCI Dublin (Bellhouse Office – Prison)	
		1:00 p.m.			Direct examination of Witness Ana ended.	
		1:01 p.m.			Cross-examination of Witness <b>Ana</b> by Shaffy Moeel.	
	509	1:24 p.m.	<b>X</b>		B-003204 FBA 302 interview Ana Lopez-Ruiz 09-30-2021	
	515	1:40 p.m.	<b>X</b>		Ana Lopez-Ruiz Tort Claim	
		1:42 p.m.			Court’s admonition to the jurors re: not to talk or	

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					discuss and communicate about the case to anybody or research about the case. Jury is excused until 5/31/23 at 8:30 a.m.	
		1:45 p.m.			Court's admonition to Witness Ana re: not to talk about her testimony and the case to anybody including any lawyers. Witness Ana is excused and will continue to testify on 5/31/23 at 8:30 a.m.	
		1:46 p.m.			Matters discussed outside the presence of the jury re: Plaintiff's witnesses to be called on 5/31/23 and court to give instructions to the Jury re: Count 6. Having no objection from the defense, Witness <b>Liana is released.</b>	
		1:53 p.m.			Court is in recess until 5/31/23. Parties and attorneys to come in at 8:00 a.m. on 5/31/23. Trial proceedings with the jury shall proceed on 5/31/23 at 8:30 a.m.	